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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA'S COMMENTS ON SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP AND AMBASSADOR TO US BOTHA TELEPHONED
MISOFF APRIL 1 TO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT US VOTE ON SECURITY COUNCIL
RES CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION" IN ANGOLA. BOTHA SAID
WHAT SURPRISED HIM THE MOST WAS THAT US HAD GONE
ALONG WITH COUNCIL'S CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICAN COMPENSATION TO ANGOLA
FOR WAR DAMAGES. ALTHOUGH BOTHA STRESSED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING
TO MISOFF PERSONALLY, HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA NOW WAS LEFT WITH
NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO SUGGEST PUBLICLY THAT US ALSO PAY COM-
PENSATION TO ANGOLA. SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOTE THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY
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PARTY INVOLVED. IN BOTHA'S VIEW, US STATEMENT

SHOULD HAVE GONE AT LEAST AS FAR AS BRITISH IN CHALLENGING SECURITY COUNCIL'S CAPACITY TO JUDGE CONCERNING GUILT AND COMPENSATION. BOTHA ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ALL OUR OTHER POINTS BUT THIS ONE, SINCE OTHER POINTS WERE PART OF WELL-KNOWN US POLICY.

2. BOTHA STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY HAD STAKED MUCH IN URGING WITHDRAWAL, HE ALSO HAD TOLD PRETORIA THAT HE DOUBTED A RES WOULD EMERGE FROM THE DEBATE. NOW, HIS WORD WAS BEING QUESTIONED BY THOSE AT HOME.

3. BOTHA CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE COULD NOT SEE SOUTH AFRICA PAYING A PENNY IN COMPENSATION AND THAT PRETORIA'S ACTIVITIES AT UN "WILL VIRTUALLY END".
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